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WASHINGTON, July 13, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended July 8 totaled 246,303, down 9.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 22.3 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 9.2 percent in the East and 10.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 6,169 cars (7.6 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Grain loadings were down 7,839 cars (27.0 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment showed a drop of 2,012 cars (17.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 27 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,975,875, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 87,833 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 8, down 12.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of 1989 was 2,988,483 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 8 totaled 13.9 billion, 10.3 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 514.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	21,153	28,992	-27.0 %	28,552	-25.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,143	1,736	-34.2	1,624	-29.6
Metallic Ores	22,016	22,542	-2.3	23,681	-7.0
Coal	75,022	81,191	-7.6	96,966	-22.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,494	14,788	-15.5	17,073	-26.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,417	9,833	-14.4	10,210	-17.6
Grain Mill Products	8,549	8,551	.0	10,027	-14.7
Food & Kindred Products	7,140	7,137	.0	8,510	-16.1
Primary Forest Products	5,892	7,252	-18.8	9,561	-38.4
Lumber & Wood Products	4,365	5,222	-16.4	7,610	-42.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,368	10,331	.4	10,999	-5.7
Chemicals	24,267	23,518	3.2	26,608	-8.8
Petroleum Products	4,454	4,563	-2.4	5,411	-17.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,729	9,534	-8.4	10,638	-17.9
Coke	4,949	5,697	-13.1	5,380	-8.0
Metals & Products	7,315	8,136	-10.1	10,408	-29.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	9,644	11,656	-17.3	17,398	-44.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,585	6,838	-18.3	8,620	-35.2
All Other Carloads	4,801	5,709	-15.9	7,817	-38.6
Total	**246,303**	**273,226**	**-9.9 %**	**317,093**	**-22.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 27 WEEKS ENDING JULY 8, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**246,303**	**273,226**	**-9.9 %**	**8,975,875**	**8,996,412**	**-.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	49,187	60,069	-18.1	1,741,551	1,811,465	-3.9
Containers	38,646	40,738	-5.1	1,246,932	1,177,006	5.9
Total	**87,833**	**100,807**	**-12.9**	**2,988,483**	**2,988,471**	**.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**13.9**	**15.5**	**-10.3 %**	**514.8**	**512.8**	**.4 %**

NOTE: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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